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CULTURE
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Revival of Festival of India Programme
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government proposed to revive the 'Festival of India' programmes at various locations across the world for strengthening international cultural relations;

(b) whether the majority of the artists and artisans who participate in the prestigious annual Republic Day parade and allied event reportedly complain of ill treatment; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the government to give recognition to the artists in the interest of art and culture?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

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(a) The Ministry of Culture has already revived the Festival of India Abroad Scheme in 2013 to showcase India's vast cultural heritage to the people across the world.

(b) Republic Day parade is organized by Ministry of Defence. According to that Ministry no complaint of ill treatment from majority of artists and artisans, who participated in the prestigious annual Republic Day parade and allied events has been received.

(c) Does not arise.